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SUBJECT: FISHING CLOSED IN SIERRA LEONE

1. THE GOSL HAS REFUSED TO REISSUE FISHING PERMITS ON JANUARY 1, 1974 TO THE NEARLY 20 IVORIAN SARDINE SEINERS AND BOTTOM FISH TRAWLERS WHO HAVE FISHED THERE FOR AT LEAST 8 MONTHS A YEAR, DURING THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THIS IS A SERIOUS BLOW TO IVORIAN FISH PRODUCTION AND IF CONTINUED COULD CAUSE AN APPRECIABLE REDUCTION IN THE FISHING FLEET BECAUSE LOCAL WATERS ARE NEARLY DEPLETED.

2. THE REASON FOR THE GOSL REFUSAL IS REPORTED TO BE RAPID DIMINUTION OF SL FISH STOCKS BECAUSE OF THE INTENSIVE FISHING EFFORT. THERE IS SOME HOPEFUL SPECULATION THAT IT MIGHT ONLY BE A RUSE TO OBTAIN HIGHER LICENSING FEES. A MEETING IS REPORTED SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK BETWEEN THE GOSL FISHERIES OFFICER AND THE APPROPRIATE MINISTERS TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.
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